

November 17, 2007

Ms. Victoria J. Rutson  
Chief, Section of Environmental Analysis  
Surface Transportation Board  
395 E Street, S.W.  
Washington, DC 20423-0001  
Dear Ms. Rutson:

I am a resident of Barrington, Illinois. My home, where my family and I have lived for 22 years, is approximately 0.3 mile from the railroad tracks that run through Barrington. I recently heard that Canadian National Railway Company had proposed a project that would bring at least 15 more trains per day down those tracks. This announcement alarmed me greatly. I became even more concerned when I heard that this estimate did not account for large increases expected in train traffic throughout the Chicago area over the next 20 years. The drastic increase in noise, traffic, safety problems at rail crossings, etc. will affect my quality of life and the quality of the environment in my community.

I personally cross the tracks at least 12 times per day. There are 3 crossings that I travel over in the course of my day. With increase trains running on these tracks, it will be impossible to go anywhere in our small town of Barrington without being stopped at a train crossing. I can hear the noise of the train at 2 crossings. With increase train traffic, there will be an extreme level of noise that will constantly intrude on my quality of life to the point that I would not be able to be outside my house without the sounds of a train.

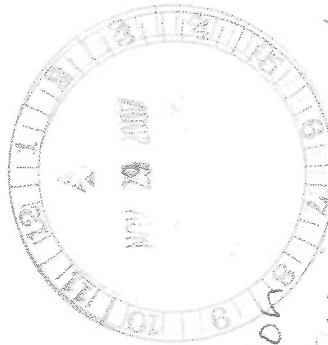
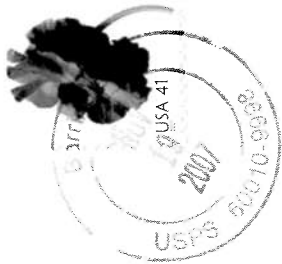
I have been informed that you are responsible for reviewing Canadian National Railway Company's proposal. I think that the effects I discussed above warrant serious consideration before you allow Canadian National to move forward. You hold the safety and well-being of not only my family, but that of an entire region in your hands. I trust that you and the rest of the Board will thoroughly review Canadian National's proposal for any and all effects on the environment and affected communities. Please do not approve this proposal until you are certain noise, air, safety, etc. will not suffer. Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Elizabeth Oliva". The ink is dark and the signature is fluid.

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